



The Oath of the Constables within the City of *London*. — 8⁷/₈.

YE shall swear, that ye shall keep the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King well and lawfully after your power : And ye shall arrest all them that make Contest, Riot, Debate, or Affray, in Breaking of the said Peace, and lead them to the House of Compter of one of the Sheriffs: and if ye be withstood by strength of misdoers, ye shall rear on them an out-cry, and pursue them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward, till they be arrested: And ye shall search at all times, when ye be required by the Beaversers or Beadles, the common noisance of your Ward : And the Beadle and Raker ye shall help to rear and gather in their Salary and Quarterage, if ye be thereunto by them required. And if any thing be done within your Ward against the Ordinance of this City, such defaults as ye shall find there done, ye shall them present to the Mayor and Ministers of this City: and if ye be letted by any person or persons, that ye may not duly do your Office, ye shall certifye the Mayor and Council of the City of the name or names of him or them that so let you. Ye shall also swear that during the time that ye shall stand in the Office and occupy the room of a Constable, ye shall once at the least every month certifye and shew to one of the Clerks of the Mayors Court, and in the same Court, as well the names as surnames of all Free-men which ye shall know to be deceased within the month in the Parish wherein ye be inhabited, as also the names and surnames of all the children of the said Free-men so deceased, being Orphans of this City. And you shall enquire of all and every the Offences done contrary to the Statute made 1, 4, & 21 Jac. to restrain the inordinate haunting and tipsing in Inns and Alehouses, and for repressing of Drunkenness and other disorders, and thereof due presentments make according to the same Statutes. And thus ye shall not leave to do, as God you help, &c. God save the King.

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